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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is a matter of imagination."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" It is a fact."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will do well to table a resolution and argue out the matter. When a resolution is tabled it can be decided whether it is a matter of fact or of imagination."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" I shall consider the suggestion.

" With reference to the answer to clause (h) it is stated that there has been no precedent for honorarium being paid to Superintending Engineers in the matter of preparing plans and estimates. May I know what made the Government sanction this extraordinary expenditure when, as a matter of fact under the rules the Superintending Engineer scrutinizes the plans and estimates costing over a certain amount with any honorarium ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what percentage does the amount of Rs. 2,000 and odd come to with regard to the estimate of the cost of the building ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether it exceeds or is below the percentage fixed under centage charges ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" It is stated in the appendix that there was no further development in the cracks. May I know whether, since November last, there has been any development in the construction of the building ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice, Sir."

Institution of a Rural Development Fund.

* 1732 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have now come to any definite conclusion regarding the institution of a Rural Development Fund ?

A.—No. The matter is under further consideration.

Municipal Councils

Nominations to the Municipal Councils of Chidambaram, Cuddalore, etc.

* 1733 *Q.*—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the period of nomination of the nominated Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram, Cuddalore and Villupuram of South Arcot district, and Gudiyattam of Vellore district has expired ; and

(*b*) whether those seats have been filled up by nominations ?